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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action dated October 31, 2002. Detailed comments to the Office Action are found in the Remarks section below. Amendments to the specification and claims are found in the following Amendments section.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a 3-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from January 31, 2003 to April 30, 2003.